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SECURITY ORDER

35 U.S.C. §§181-188

and

Permit for Disclosing Classified or "Classifiable" Subject Matter

The above-identified patent application contains subject matter which is either **classified** or "**classifiable**"¹ in the opinion of the sponsoring defense agency.

☒ This application is **CLASSIFIED** at the level of: ☐ TOP SECRET

☐ This application is **NOT CLASSIFIED**, ☐ SECRET

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ALL PRINCIPALS² IN THIS APPLICATION ARE ORDERED TO KEEP THE SUBJECT MATTER THEREOF IN SECURITY UNDER 35 U.S.C. §181.

The subject matter of this application may not be published or disclosed to any person except as specifically authorized herein or subsequently authorized by written modification of this Security Order granted by the Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks (see 37 CFR §5.5).

Unauthorized publication or disclosure of the subject matter of this patent application may result in abandonment of the application (35 U.S.C. §182) and additionally subject the person publishing or disclosing the subject matter to the penalties of 35 U.S.C. §186.

The subject matter of this application must be safeguarded under conditions that will provide adequate protection and prevent access by unauthorized persons. When copies of the subject matter are no longer needed, they should be destroyed by a method that will prevent disclosure of the contents or reconstruction of the document.

¹ The term "classifiable" as used herein refers to subject matter that is not actually classified but is sufficiently sensitive, in the opinion of the sponsoring defense agency named herein, to have been classified under E.O. 12356 if the subject matter were known to be owned by or under control of the U.S. government.

² "Principals" include all patent applicants, their heirs, assignees, licensees and their attorneys and agents.

This Order should not be construed in any way to mean that the U.S. Government has adopted or contemplates adoption of the invention disclosed in this application and it is not any indication of the value of such invention. Additionally, this Order is not authority in and of itself for classification of the subject matter of this patent application.

Any other patent application already or hereafter filed in the U.S. or any foreign country which contains any significant part of the subject matter of the above-identified patent application also falls within the scope of this Order. If such other patent application is not currently under a Secrecy Order imposed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, it and the common subject matter must be brought to the immediate attention of:

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- ☒ ARMY
- ☐ NAVY
- ☐ AIR FORCE
- ☐ HOMELAND SECURITY
- ☐ _____

- Questions regarding the reasons for imposing this Secrecy Order should be directed to the sponsoring defense agency. A contact for each defense agency is attached.
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Disclosure of the subject matter of this application is authorized to persons with the appropriate personnel security clearance on a "need-to-know" basis under the provisions of Executive Orders 10865 and 12356 and the "Industrial Security Manual for Safeguarding Classified Information" provided the authorized person to whom the subject matter is disclosed is furnished with a copy of this Secrecy Order and informed that this Order is applicable to the subject matter disclosed.

Any declassification, in whole or in part, of the subject matter of this application does not modify this Secrecy Order. The requirements of this Secrecy Order remain in effect until it is rescinded or modified in writing by the Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks. If the subject matter is declassified, this fact should be brought to the attention of the sponsoring defense agency.

B. If the subject matter of this application is "classifiable" but not classified:

Principals to this Secrecy Order employed at a facility which has a current DoD Security Agreement (DoD Form 441) are authorized to disclose on a "need-to-know" basis the subject matter of this patent application to other persons at that facility having a personnel security clearance at least as high as the level of protection specified on page 1 of this Secrecy Order provided the provisions of the "Industrial Security Manual for Safeguarding Classified Information" (DoD 5220.22-M) are complied with³ and the authorized person to whom the subject matter is disclosed is furnished with a copy of this Secrecy Order and informed that this Secrecy Order is applicable to the subject matter disclosed.

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Dear Sir:

The following identified application has been examined by The United States Army, a member of the Armed Services Patent Advisory Board, under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 181.

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/184,399
Filed: 11/3/98
Inventor(s): Seddon, Nigel
Title:

Prosecuted by: () Government, (X) Contractor, () Unknown Party

This is to notify you in accordance with the above examination that the publication or disclosure of the invention by the granting of a patent thereof would be detrimental to the national security. It is accordingly requested that you order that the invention be kept secret and withhold the grant of a patent for such period as the national interest requires.

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- (X) Secrecy Order and Permit for Disclosing Classified Information
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- () Secrecy Order – It is further requested that this Secrecy Order issue with
 - () Permit A (PTO 299) –
 - () No Permit

Sincerely,

Diane R. Winter

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